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SUBJ: USYG URQUHART SEEKS USG SUPPORT IN UNFICYP WRANGLE
WITH TURK/CYPIOTS

REF: NICOSIA 2772, 2771

1. URQUHART IN CONVERSATION ON SEPTEMBER 14 WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS, JERRY HELMAN, IO/UNP, AND MISOFF EXPRESSED HIS DEEPENING CONCERN OVER UNFICYP CONFRONTATION WITH TURK/CYPIOTS AT DMZ NEAR AVLONA AND SUBSEQUENT ABSENCE OF PROGRESS IN RECONCILING TURK/CYPIOT POSITION WITH THE CEASEFIRE PROVISIONS AND DENKTASH'S EARLIER COMMITMENT. HE DESCRIBED SITUATION ON THE BORDER AT AVLONA AS HIGHLY VOLATILE WITH STRONG POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER INCIDENTS MATERIALIZING OF GRAVER DIMENSIONS. URQUHART SAID THE MACHINE GUN BURST OF 50 ROUNDS BY TURKISH SIDE ON SEPTEMBER 10 COULD BE READILY REPEATED IN THE CONTINUING CONFRONTATION SITUATION WITH DIRE CONSEQUENCES.

2. URQUHART SAID HE HAS MET TWICE WITH THE TURKISH PERMREP TURKMEN IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND TURKS WERE TAKING RIGID POSITION. TURKMEN DELIVERED LONG PROTEST CONCERNING UNFICYP SOLDIER'S STRIKING TURK/CYPIOT CIVILIAN IN THE HEAD WITH FARM IMPLEMENT. TURKS ARE ASSERTING "SECURITY" CONSIDERATIONS AS DICTATING PRESENCE TURK/

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CYPRIOT FARMERS IN CONFRONTATION AREAS. URQUHART

CONCLUDED BY ASKING THAT US DO WHATEVER IT COULD IN
ANKARA TO PERSUADE TURKS TO AVOID DANGEROUS INCIDENTS.
LEWIS SAID WE APPRECIATED GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AND
IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PREVENTIVE STEPS TO AVOID
REPETITION OF INCIDENTS.

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